

[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

time being, a Malayalam Pandit to attend to the collection and publication of Malayalam Manuscripts under the direction of Mr. S. Paramesvara Aiyar, then Secretary to Government. Dr. Sankara Menon was entrusted with the work, when Mr. Paramesvara Aiyar was appointed as Dewan Peishkar, Quilon. The work has again been transferred to the Sanskrit Curator as the Advisory Board for the publication of Sanskrit Manuscripts recommended the amalgamation of the two departments on considerations of economy, greater efficiency and co-ordination of work.

(ii) In view of the latter part of the answer to part (a) (i), this does not arise.

(iii) Yes, he is competent to do the work.

(b) Separate statements* containing the information are laid on the table.

(c) (i) The Curator has been asked to prepare a Malayalam commentary on *Narayaniyam*.

(ii) 595 pages of matter have been sent to the Press. The Curator hopes to complete the work in one year.

(iii) No instance of the kind has come to the knowledge of Government.

(iv) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (iii).

Publication of a Commentary on the 'Narayaniyam.'

153. MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil cum Devicolam*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have asked Mr. Sambasiva Sastri who holds the office of Curator for the publication of Malayalam Manuscripts to write and publish a Malayalam commentary on the *Narayaniyam*?

(2) Do they know whether Mr. Sambasiva Sastri has any special qualification for this work?

(3) Will they be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work has been commenced in connection with the preparation of this commentary, and, if so, when; and

(b) how far has this work progressed and when the same will be completed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(1) Yes.

(2) Mr. Sastri is fully qualified to do this work.

(3) (a) The work was commenced on the 8th Minam 1104.

(b) The member is referred to part (c) (ii) of the answer to interpellation No. 152.

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